Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 15, 2013

An act to add Section 8547.14 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 418, as introduced, Mullin. California Whistleblower Protection Act: state agency: Internet.

The California Whistleblower Protection Act establishes procedures under which a state employee may report improper governmental activities or make a protected disclosure to the State Auditor and prohibits retaliation or reprisal against a state employee for these acts. The act requires the State Auditor to investigate and report on improper governmental activities, as defined.

This bill would require a state agency to post a graphical link, as specified, to the State Auditor's Internet Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint under the act. The bill would require the graphical link to include the phone number that the public and a state employee may use to make a complaint under the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8547.14 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:

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1 8547.14. A state agency shall post a graphical link on the

- 2 homepage of its Internet Web site to the State Auditor's Internet
- 3 Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint
- 4 pursuant to this article. The graphical link shall include the phone
- 5 number that the public and a state employee may use to make a
- 6 complaint pursuant to this article.